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Correspondence Response Sheet

Date: *March 2, 2001*

To: *Chairman Meserve
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Commissioner Merrifield*

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Nils J. Diaz 03/7/01

From: *Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary*

Subject: *Letter to Congresswoman Sue Kelly concerns issues raised by an individual at Consolidated Edison's Indian Point 2 Nuclear Power Station*

ACTION: *Please comment/concur and respond to the Office of the Secretary by:*

Time: *C.O.B.*
Day: *Monday*
Date: *March 12, 2001*

Comment:

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The Honorable Sue W. Kelly
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Kelly:

I am responding to your letter dated February 7, 2001, regarding issues concerns raised by an individual a consultant at Consolidated Edison's Indian Point 2 nuclear power station. In particular, you requested that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) investigate issues raised by a Consolidated Edison consultant regarding the plant's reactor protection system.

To date, the NRC staff has reviewed the documentation of reactor protection system discrepancies identified by this consultant and have also interviewed the individual. These discrepancies consist principally of differences between the installed reactor protection system and drawings describing that system. Our preliminary conclusion is that there is no immediate safety concern because these discrepancies do not affect the ability of the reactor protection system to perform its intended safety function. NRC review and inspection continue. Region I will forward to your office the inspection report which documents our review, when issued.

~~I would like to point out that the kind of discrepancies this consultant noted are examples of plant configuration control weaknesses that have been identified in a number of NRC inspections and Consolidated Edison assessments. NRC has emphasized the need for Consolidated Edison to continue performance improvement efforts in this area through letters~~

The Honorable Sue W. Kelly

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such as the ~~December 22, 2000, report of plant restart inspection activities that we previously provided to you:~~

We ~~will continue~~ are continuing our strong ~~increased~~ regulatory posture ~~actions~~ at Indian Point 2 ~~consistent with its designation as an "agency focus" plant and the guidelines established in our reactor oversight process.~~ As you know, we are completing a significant supplemental team inspection at the facility. We ~~have scheduled~~ ~~held~~ a public exit meeting on March 2 in the Cortlandt Town Hall to present the results of this team inspection and will issue a final report by early April 2001.

Thank you for informing me of your concern. If you have any further questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Meserve

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